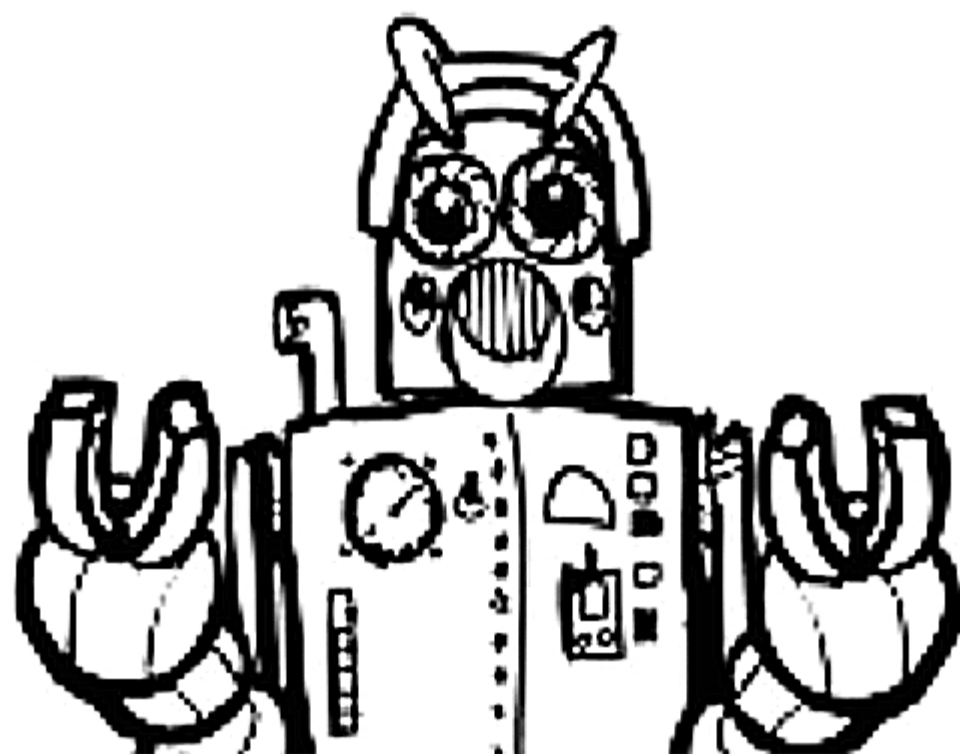


# FLAME WARS



Also known as Flamers on Ytv

Where do I begin to explain this mess you're reading now? Well, it began with me wanting to make some sort of a comic. However my drawing skills are sub par at best, so I knew already that I had a terrible start to making a comic. This is where I discovered toonlet. Toonlet is a cool blogging website where you can piece together body parts and make your own comics.

So using toonlet, I started work on a comic called Halloween Club that I had wanted to write. Despite as great as toonlet was, it was pretty limited as well. So this killed my initial story as I could only have one character in frame at a time. Not to mention, I could only display the characters from the waist up.

So I put my adventure on hold until I could come up with a better medium for it.

As time went on, I realized the toonlet format looked a lot like people sitting at their computers. Like from a web cam's perspective. Soon I wrote a short comic using this idea as the basis for a story about all the silly infighting in the Transformers fan base.

I was happy with the short comic and made it the jumping point for a story involving most of the characters in the initial comic. Sure the comic is full of bad jokes and really goes nowhere story wise. However, it is my comic with bad jokes that goes nowhere story wise.

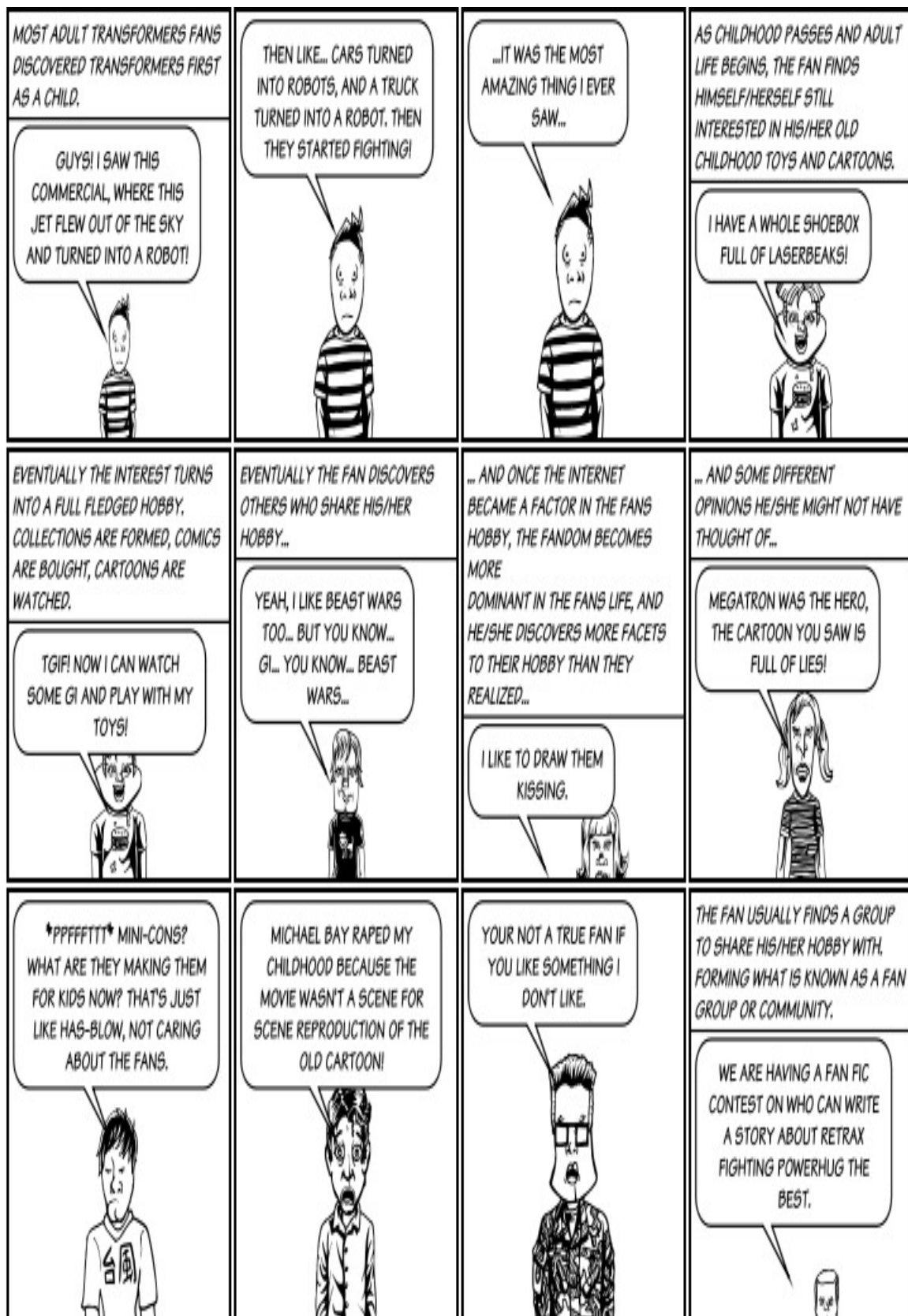
So I had a lot of fun making it, and decided to put the comic in this format that could be easily read on your computer screen or on a printed page. I haven't made any money from this, nor do I plan to ever. This is just something I did for the sake of fun.

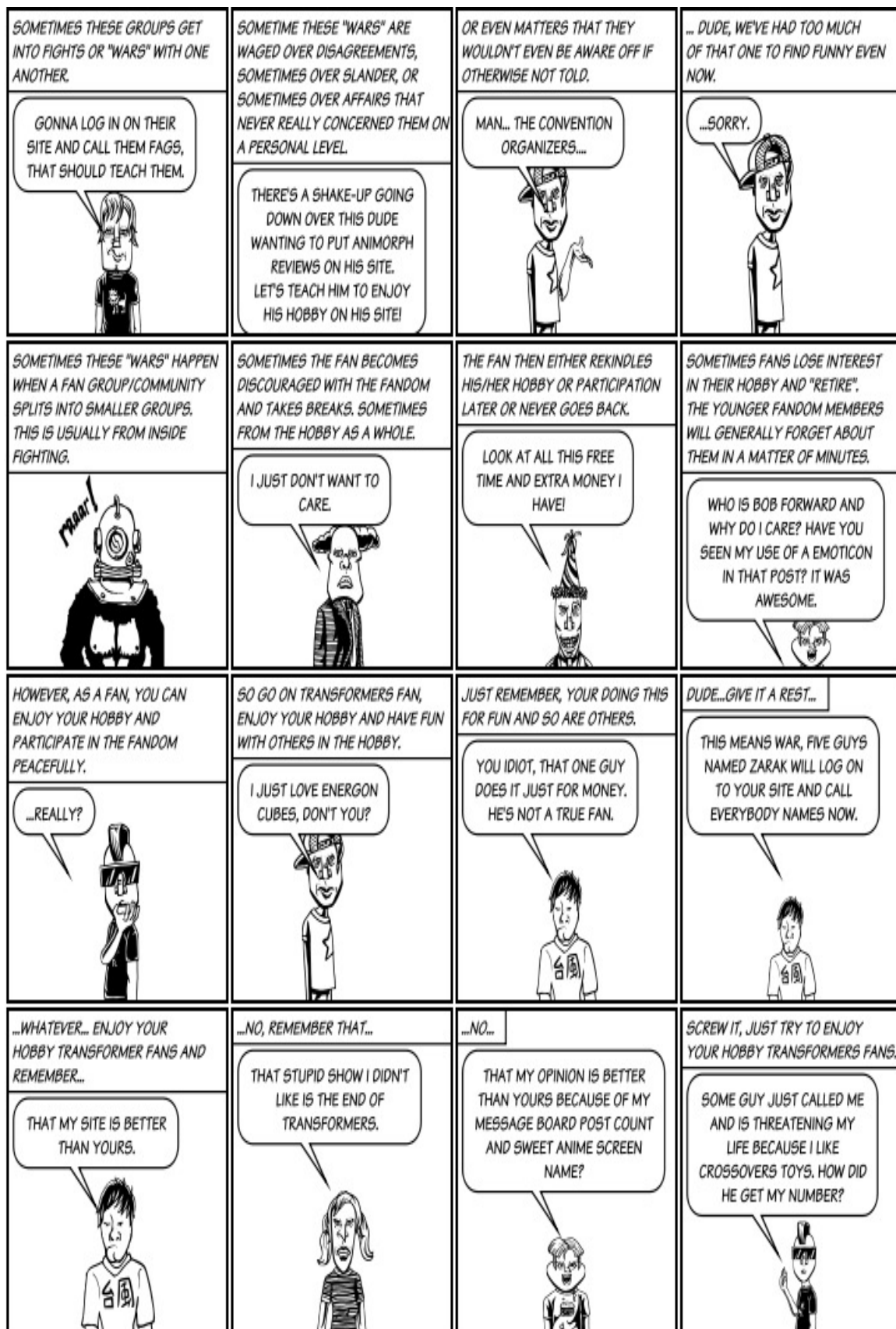
As a member of the fan base I am mocking in this comic/zine, I'd like to point out that nobody is based on any body in particular. At most I took some odd points of drama from various points in the past to use as a starting point. Basically what I'm trying to say here is, everybody in this comic/zine is fictional and everything is meant to be comedy. It may be bad comedy, but its comedy none the less. So if you find yourself getting offended, hey I'm sorry. They're just jokes people.

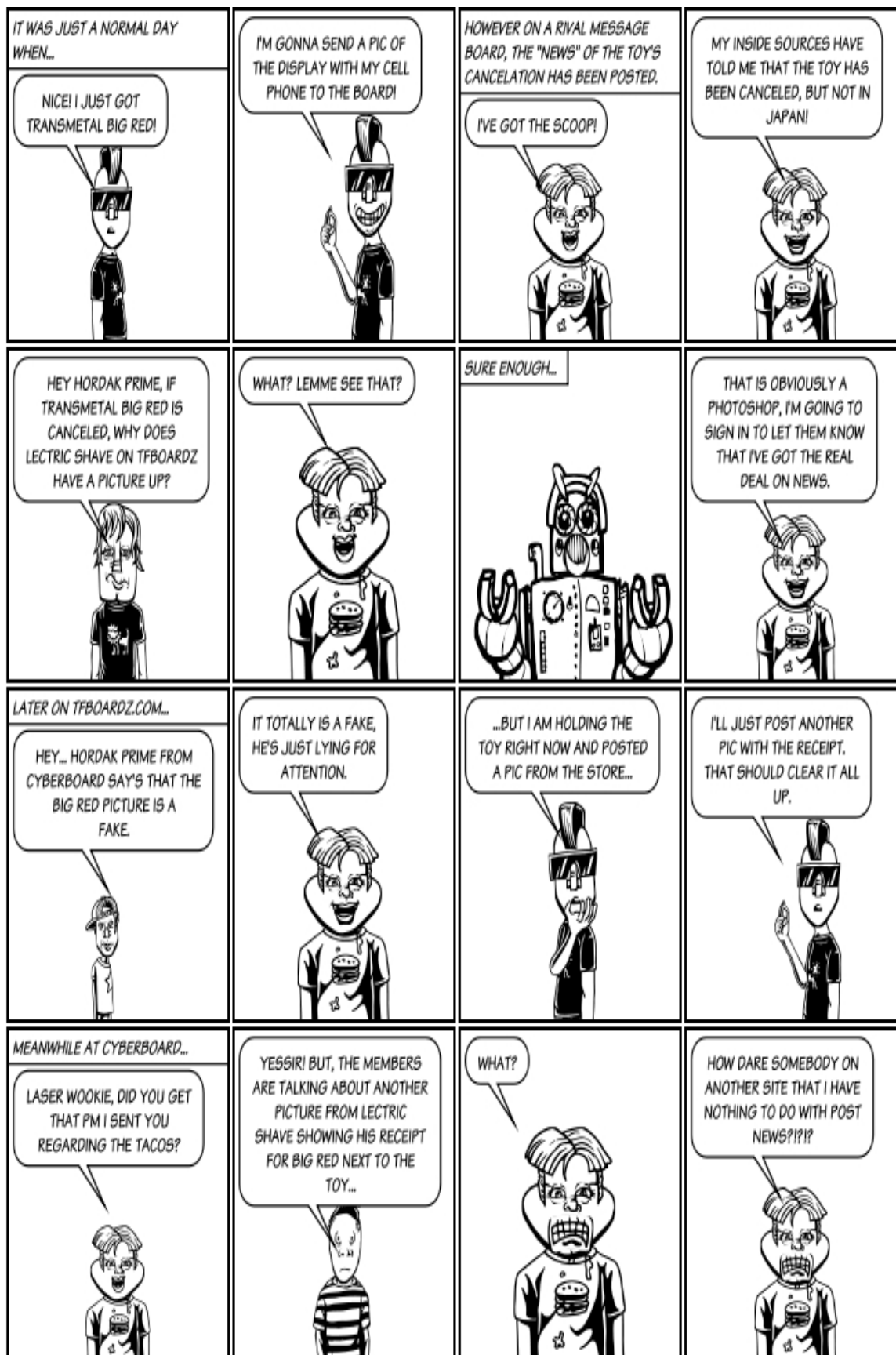
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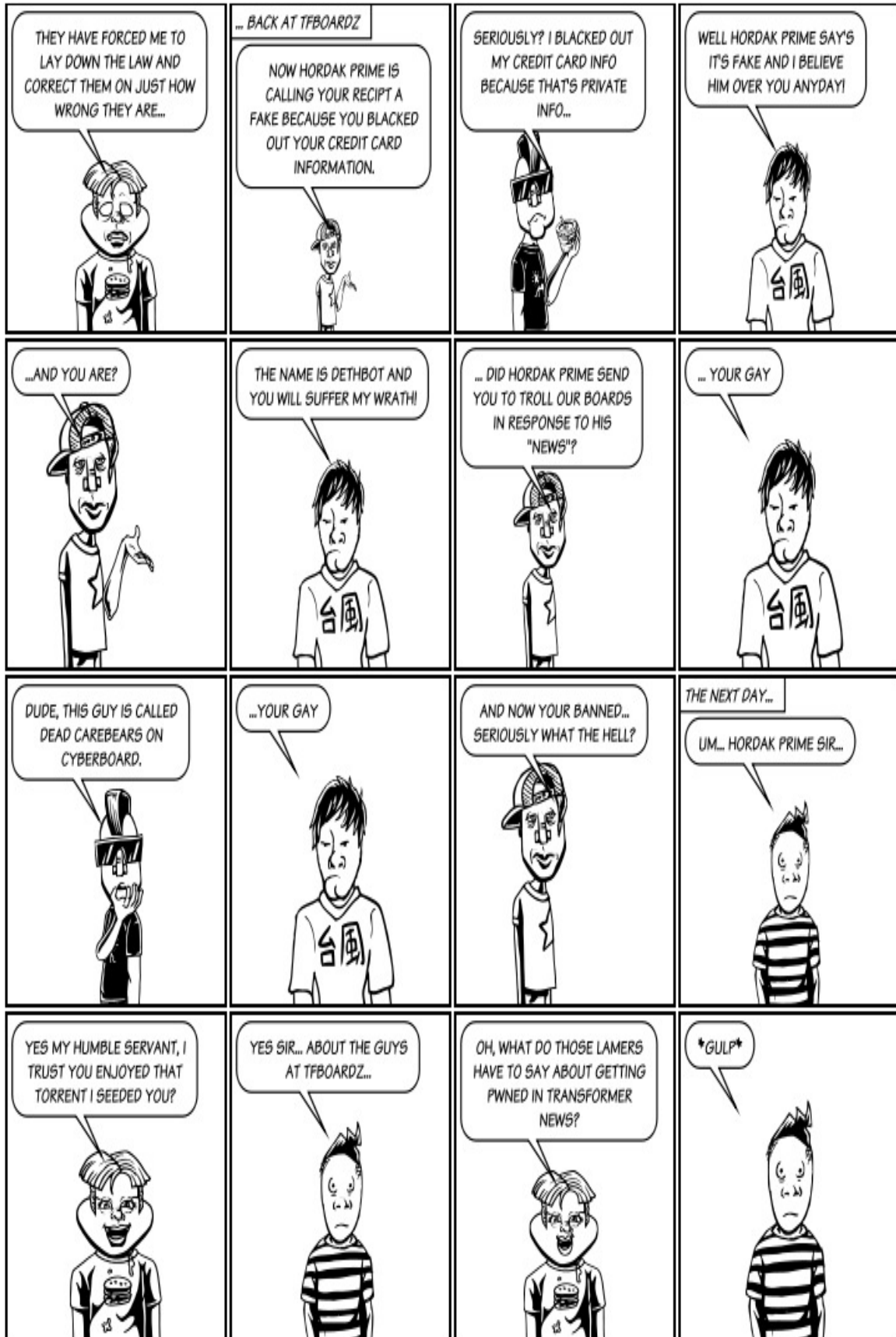
Also, all art and formatting was done on toonlet.com. Like I said, no money is being made off this, but I'd still like to give credit where it's due. Also Transformers are the property of Hasbro/Takara/TOMY. This publication is a fan project and does not infringe on any trademark. In fact, I'm pretty sure Hasbro has made more comics about this fandom than we know about.

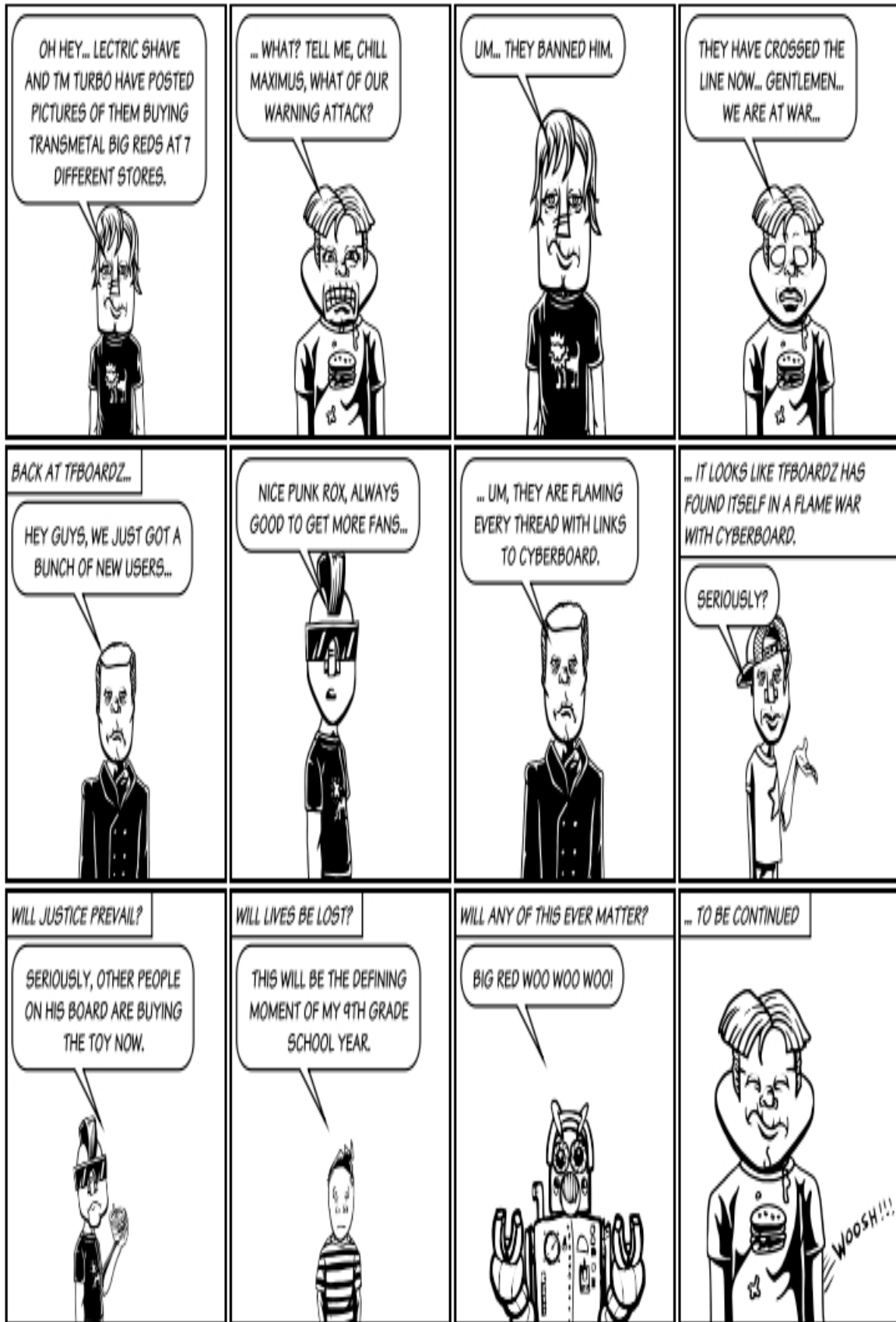
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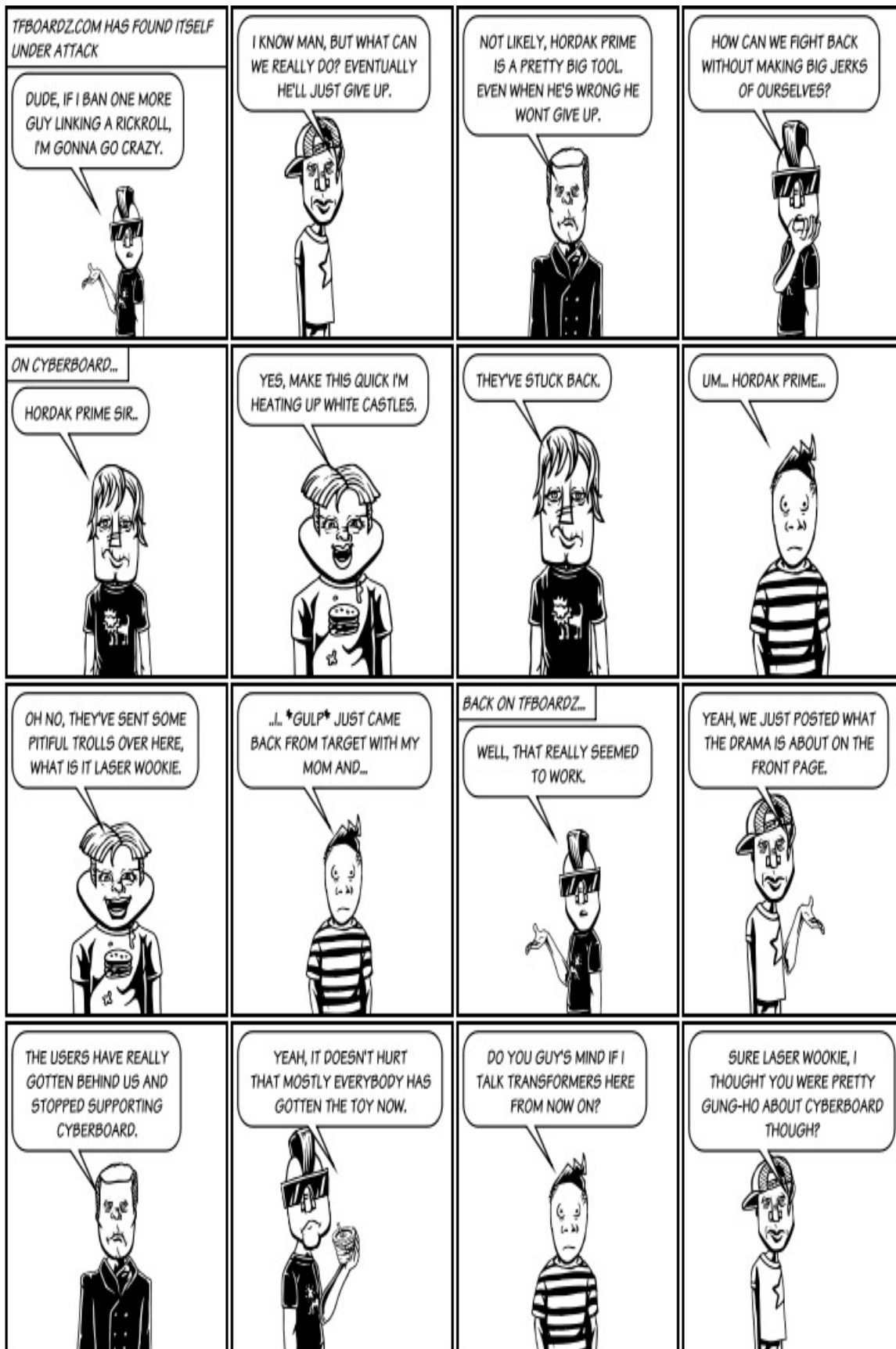




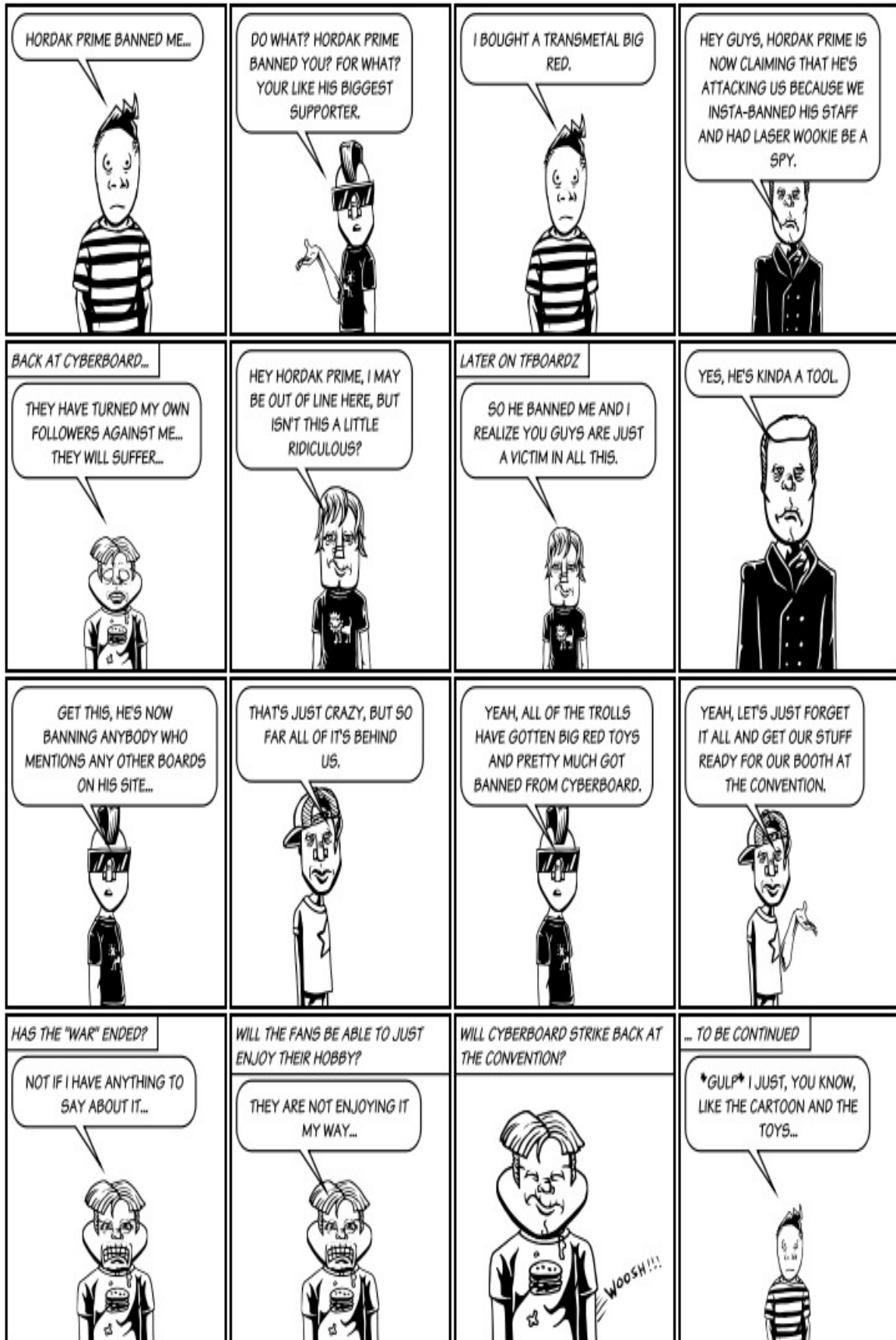


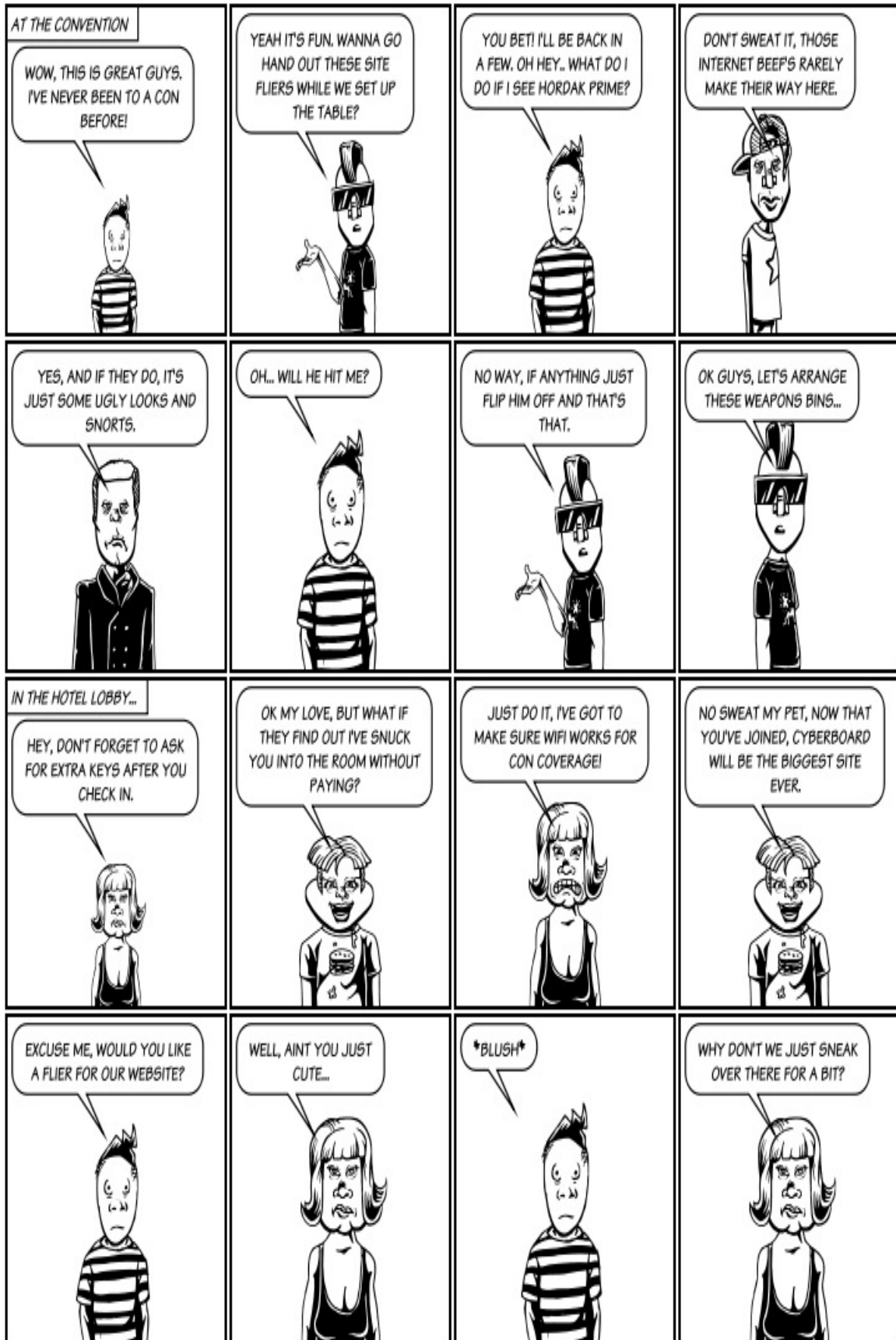


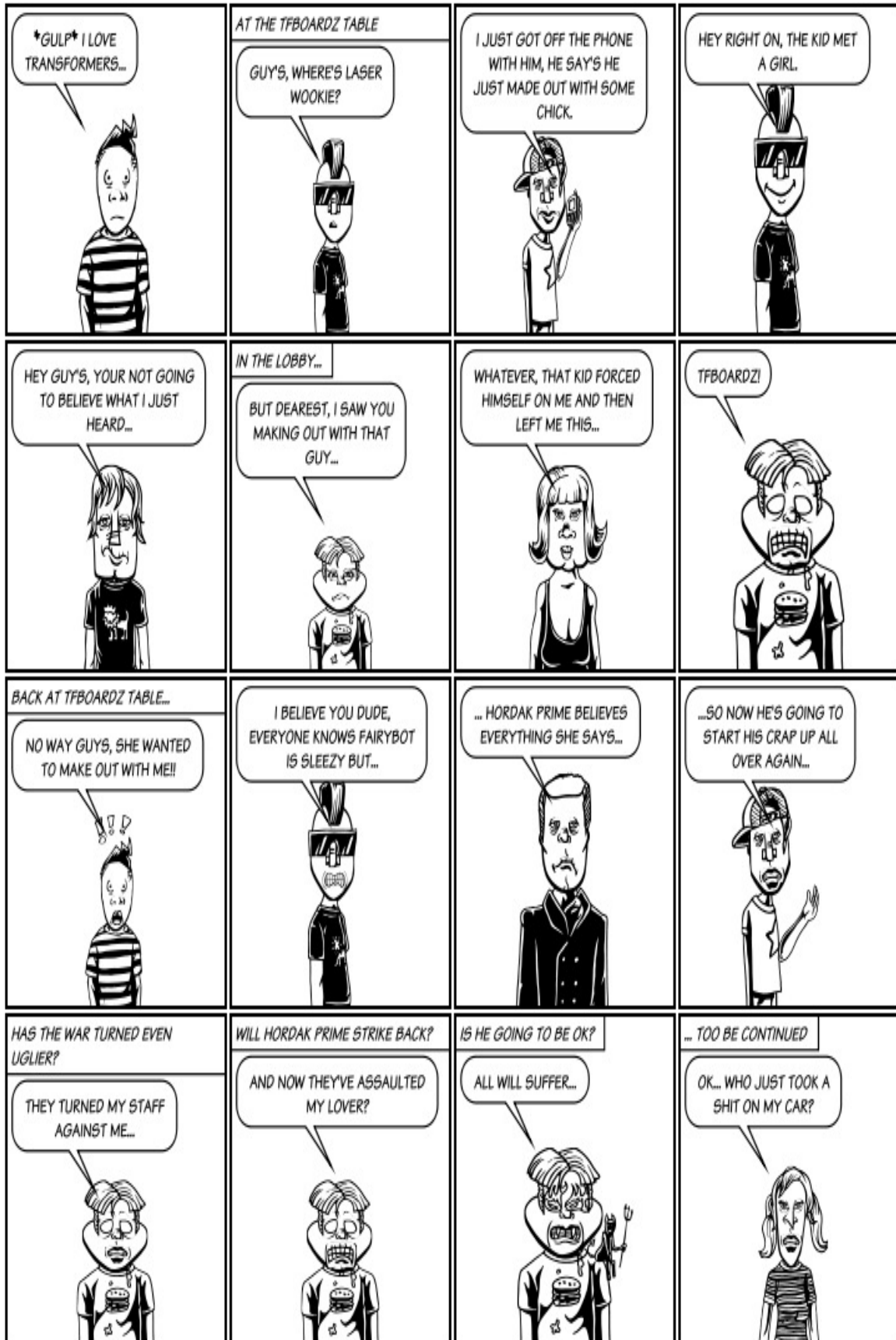


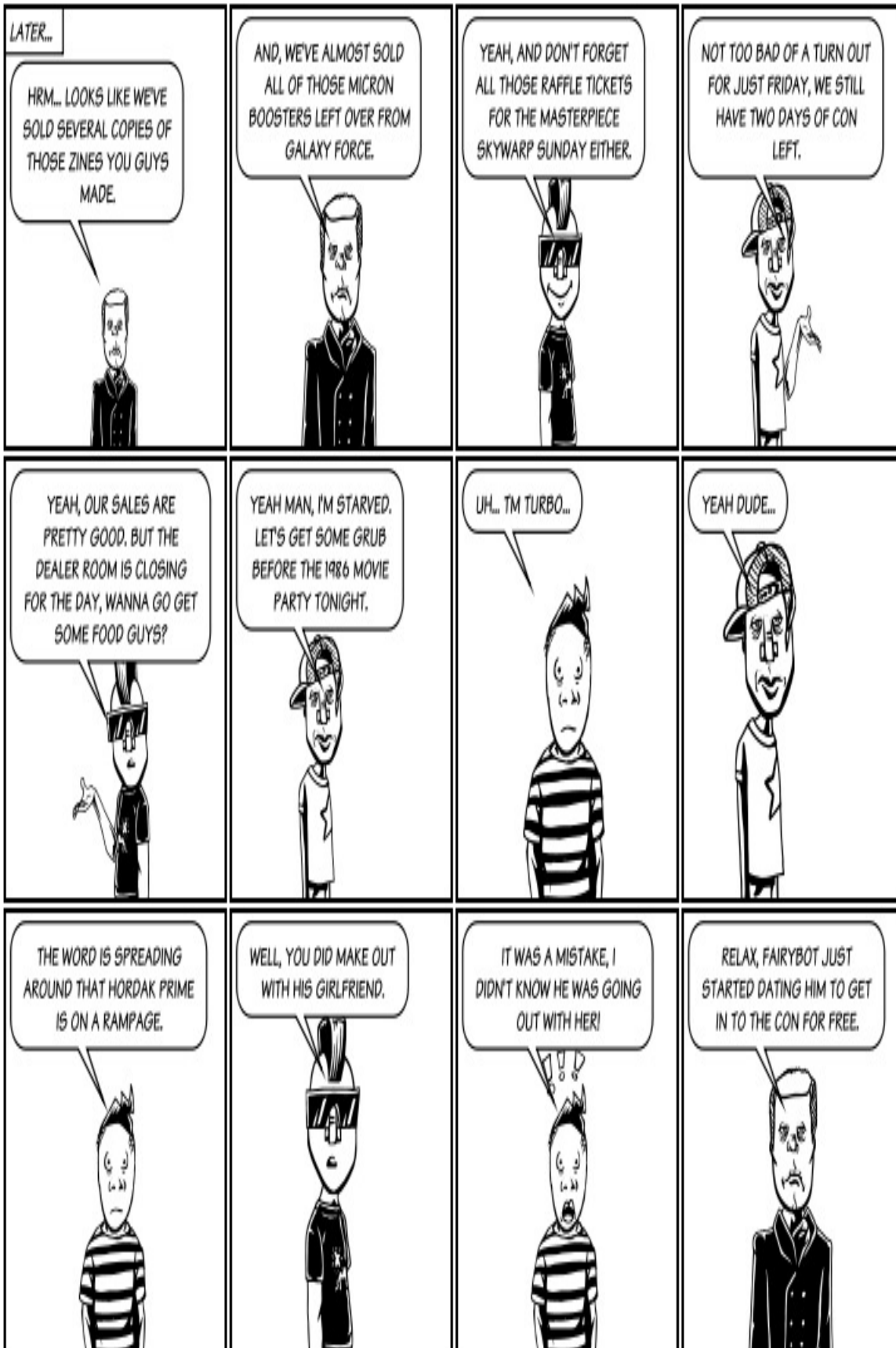


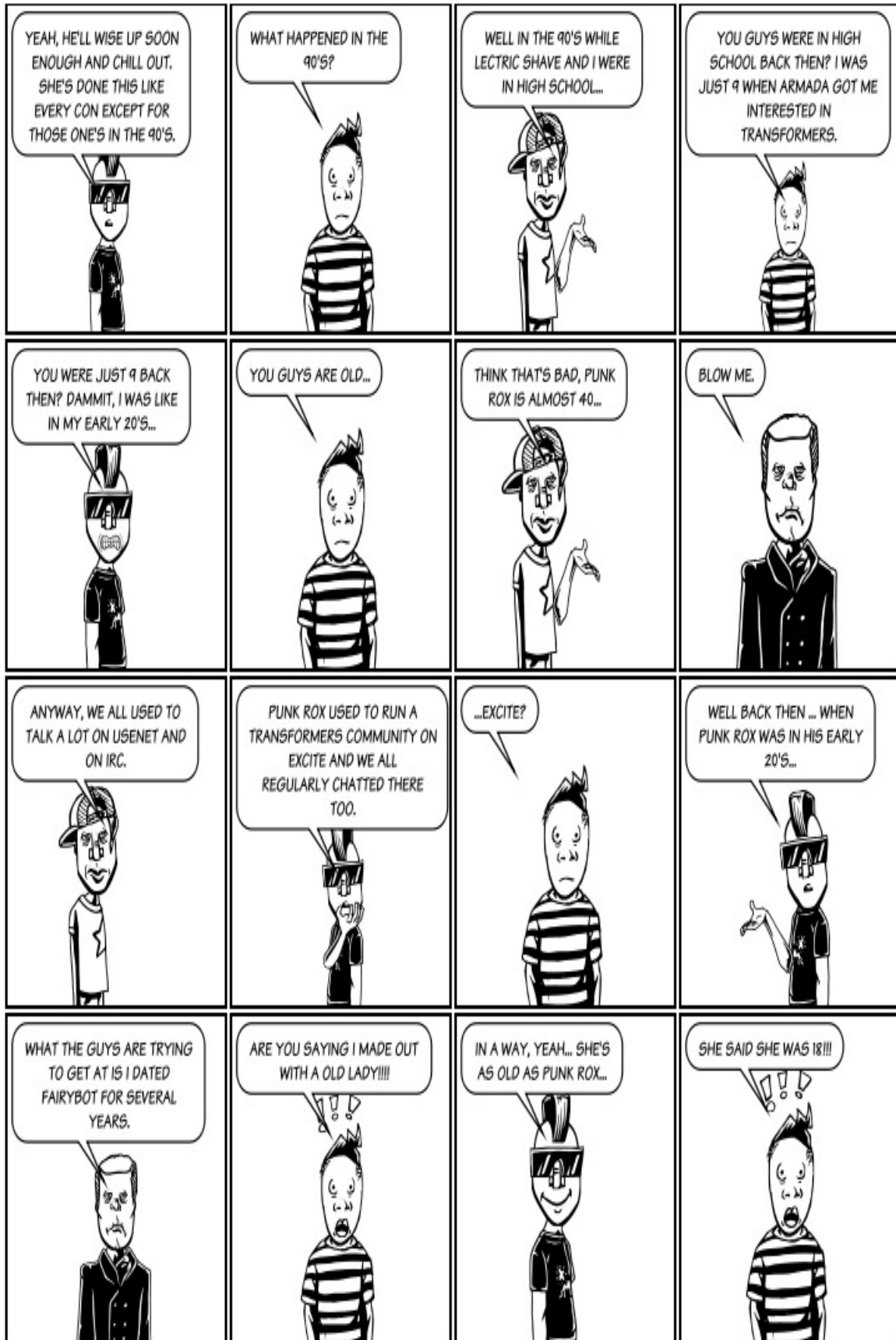


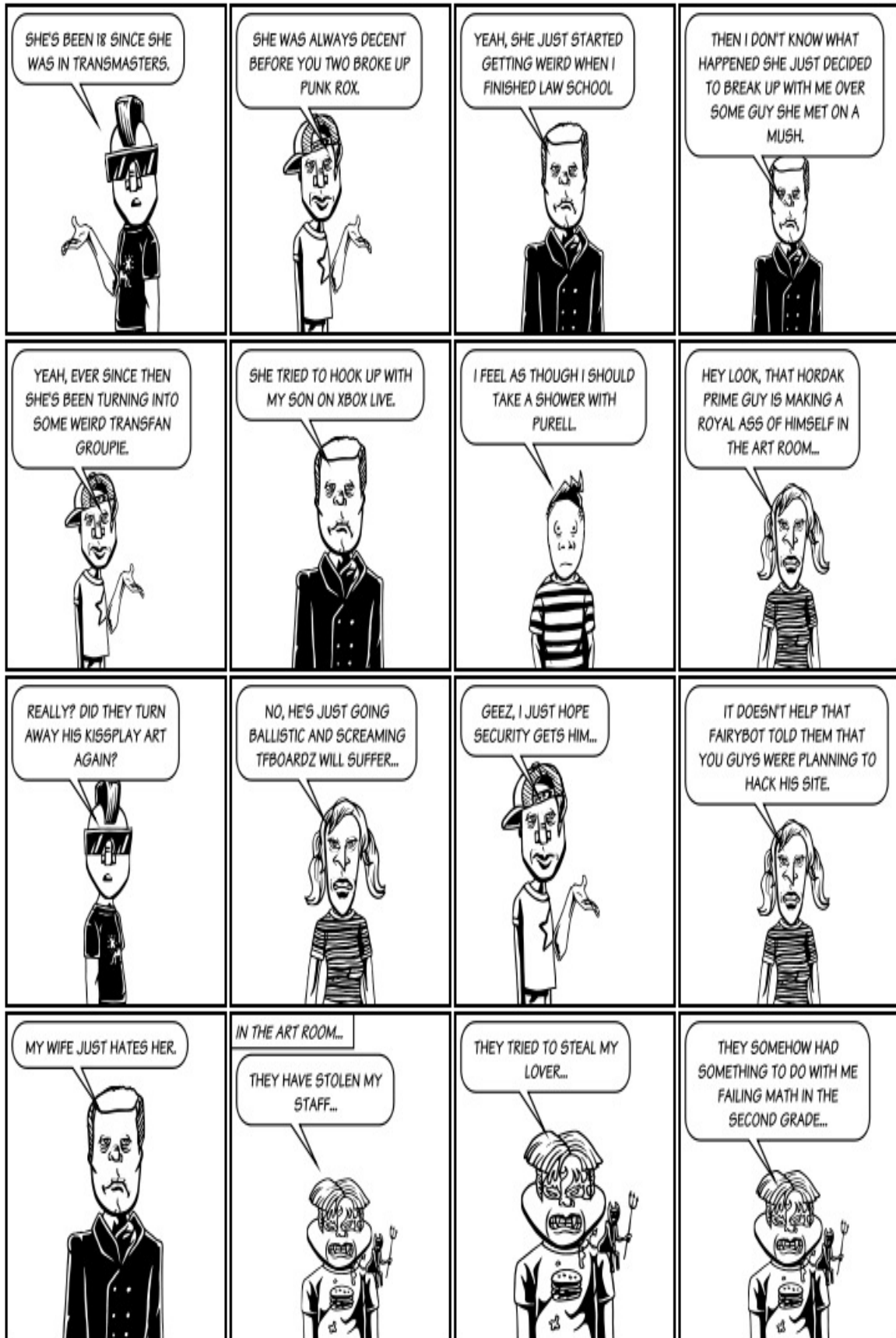


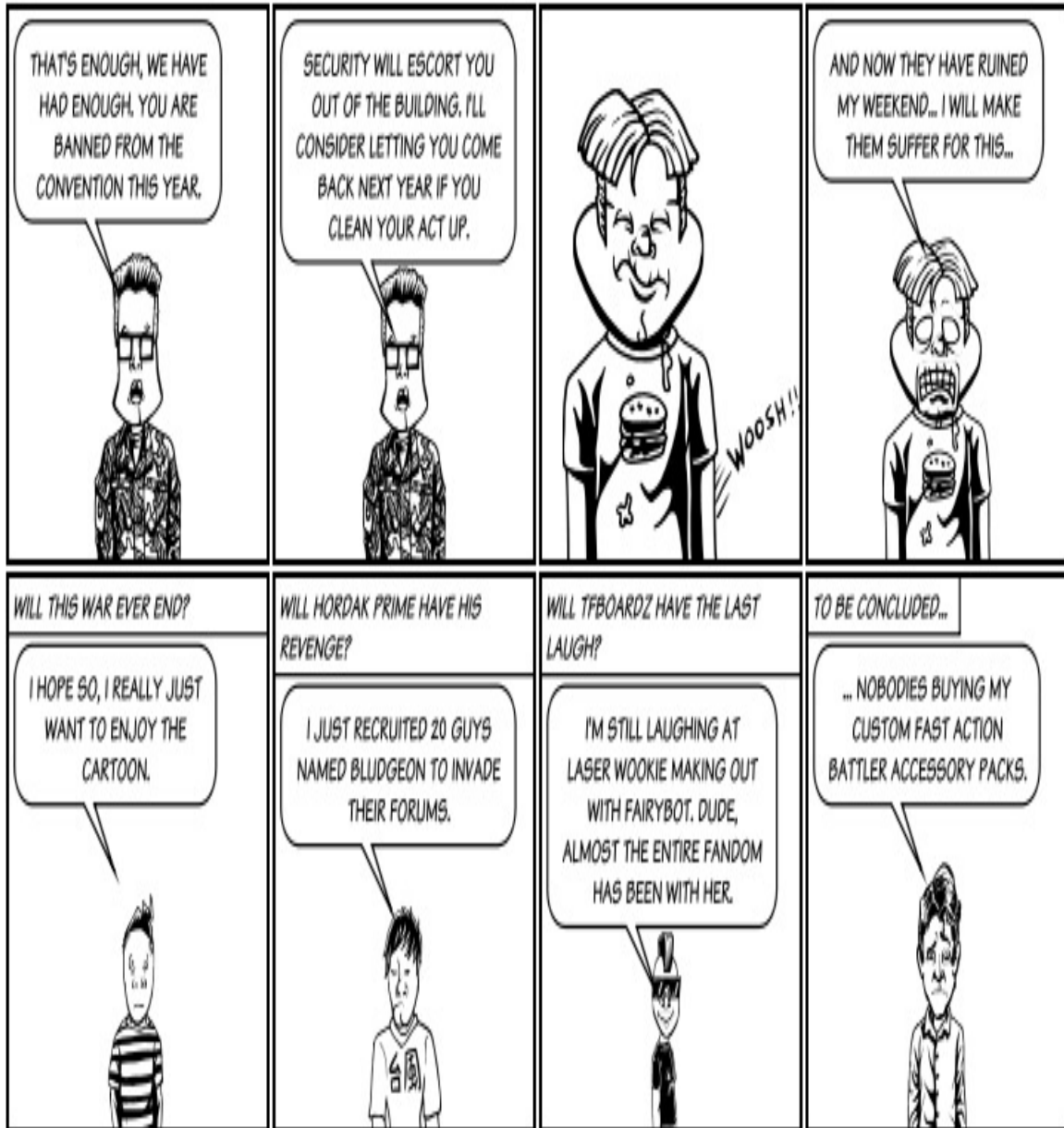


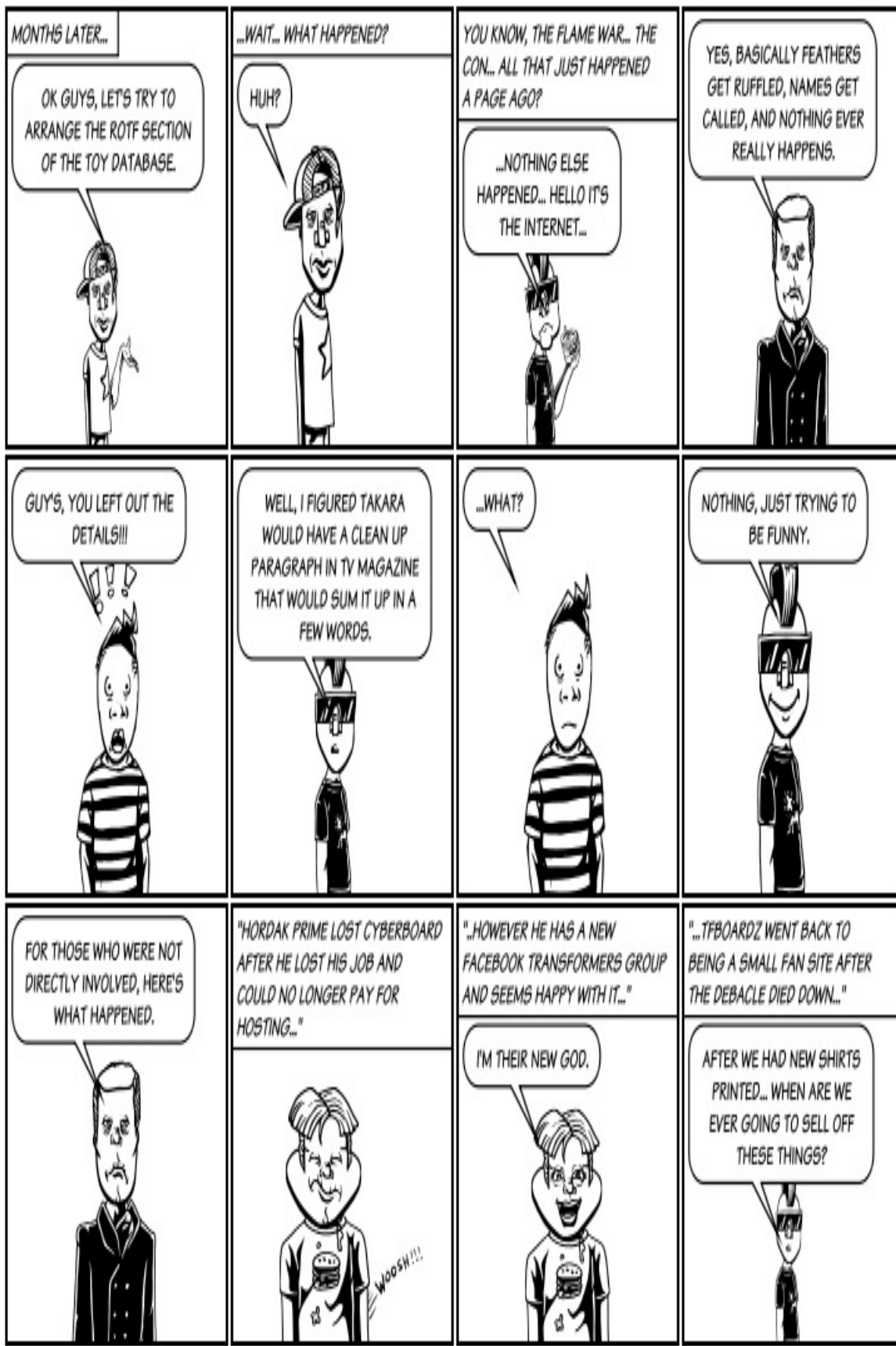




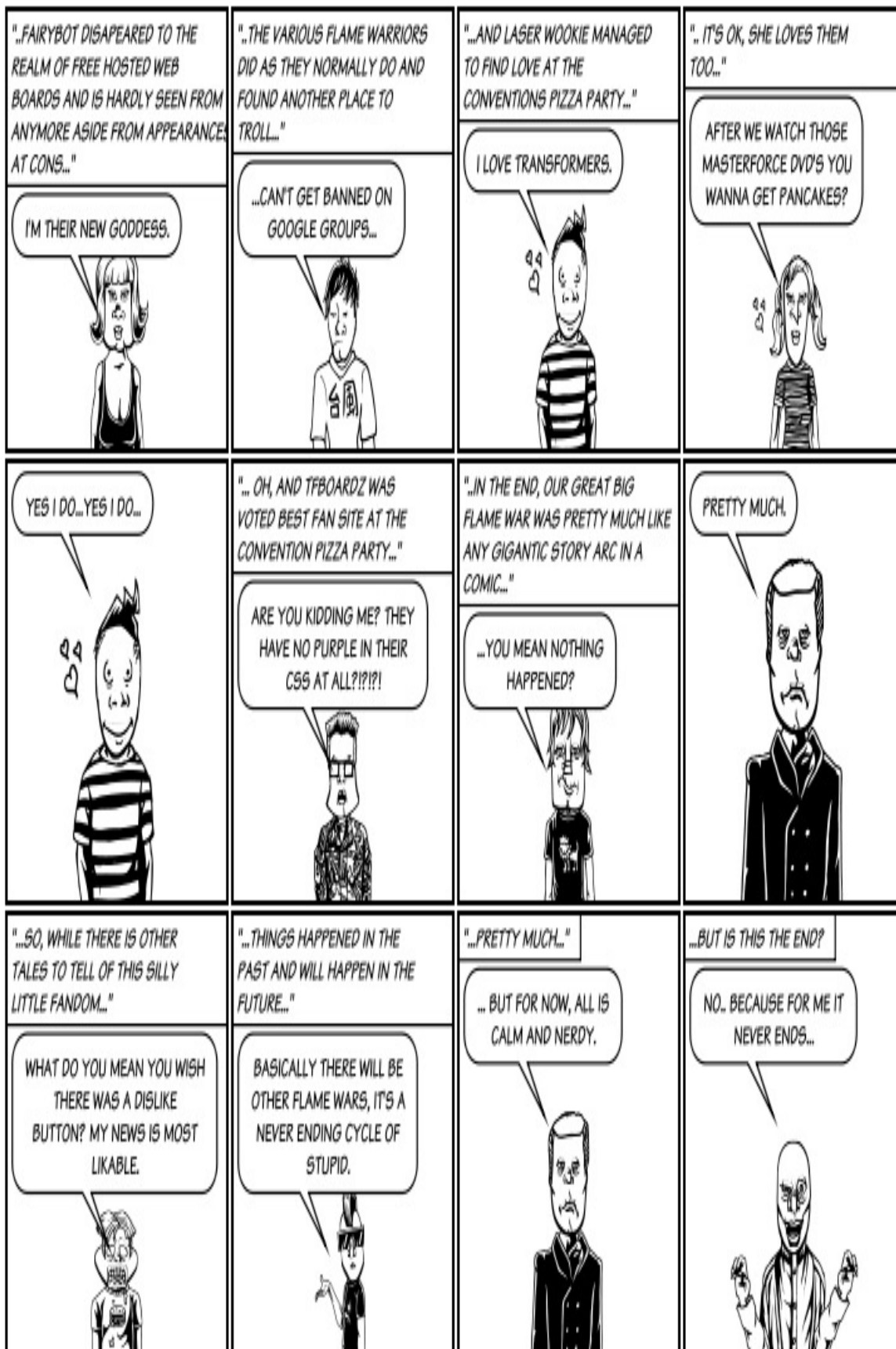












Ok, so I admit I kind of half assed the ending there. Regardless, I hope you enjoyed reading my silly little comic/zine. I may make another with these guys, I may not. I'll probably make a point to give it a more well rounded out story.

Yeah, that's probably a good idea.

-Robo Rob Springer

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Oh, hey... how about some info on Transmetal Big Red?

Most fans will remember Big Red as the fan coined name for a generic red Autobot who appeared in one frame of the old Marvel G1 comic's 1<sup>st</sup> issue. I simply wanted to make up a toy that would have name recognition, yet nobody but fans would care about. So in story, basically Transmetal Big Red is a repaint of the original Big Red toy that was released in Energon. The toy was no shelf warmer, but didn't exactly fly off shelves. As Universe rolled on, Hasbro decided to reissue Big Red as a store exclusive. Unfortunately no store wanted to release the toy at first, until it eventually found its way to retail as temporary case filler in restock waves.

Ironically, despite being named Transmetal Big Red in this release, the toy was not given the same Transmetal deco last seen in Beast Wars. Turns out Hasbro had lost the rights to the name during the downtime in releases and had to copyright an alternate version of the name.

The new toy is ironically a black repaint.